

Southern Area Committee

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REPORT

RELEASE OF “R2” FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN WINTERSLOW FOR NEW RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Report Summary:

The purpose of the report is to seek Members' approval to release developers' contributions associated with new residential development in Winterslow and collected under the terms of policy R2 of the adopted Salisbury District Plan.

Committee approval for the release of funds is required for the proposed project because the amount sought exceeds the £5000 limit for monies to be released by officers under delegated powers.

The proposal

Winterslow Parish Council has requested that the available contributions be used to pay for the Skateboard Park project. The work will involve construction of two quarterpipes, a spine and a driveway with planter.

Three quotes were obtained for the Skateboard Park and the preferred supplier of the Parish Council is Urban Ramps at a cost of £16,000. Although this was not the cheapest quotation, the equipment opted for is larger and deemed to be better value for money by the Parish Council. Three other quotes were obtained for groundworks. The Parish Council's preferred supplier is Richard George priced at £4,450. This was not the cheapest quotation however it did include tarmac, which the others did not and was chosen as he has been proven as a reliable contractor on previous works for the Parish Council. After studying the quotes provided, we concur with the Parish Council's choice of contractor.

It is considered that the proposed scheme is an appropriate use of 'R2' contributions. In accordance with policy R2 it will provide an outdoor recreation facility that is publicly available for use by children and teenagers. The Parish Council has designed this facility for all age ranges to use.

R2 funds available

Financial contributions have been received from a number of separate residential developments in the village. There is approximately £15,331.12 (including accrued interest to 30/06/04) of children and youth adult money available for expenditure on appropriate off-site recreation facilities because the relevant developments have started.

The total cost to purchase and install the equipment is £20,450.00. The Parish Council has requested that the available R2 monies be released for this scheme and have assured us they are able to meet the deficit using their own funds.

Recommendation

It is recommended that £15,331.12 plus any interest accrued to a maximum of £20,450.00 of the 'R2' contributions be released by this Council to assist the funding of the recreation scheme outlined above, and that the release of the monies be made following receipt of invoices for the works undertaken.

Background Papers:

Salisbury District Local Plan Adopted June 2003 Policy R2.

Implications:

Legal: None.

Financial: There are no budgetary considerations for the Council as the works will be 100% financed from Developer Contributions and Parish Council funds.

Personnel: None.

Environmental: None.

Human Rights: None at this stage.

Council's Core values: Excellent Service; Fairness and Equality; open, learning Council and a willing partner; Communicating with the public; Supporting the disadvantaged.

Consultation Undertaken: This proposal is being put forward by the Parish Council.

Parish Affected: Winterslow Parish Council.